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So, Is That Bad?

JACK ANDERSON, the Washington keyhole columnist who thrives on sensationalism, factual or not, doesn't exactly have the overwhelming confidence of people in the newspaper trade.

His track record for accuracy and truth, to put it as kindly as possible, is not awe-inspiring.

Nevertheless, we hope Anderson's latest ga-reat expose is factual and told with complete accuracy. Reference is to his claim that International Telephone & Telegraph — which, at the moment, Anderson has a mad on — did try to help the CIA in efforts to head off the election in Chile of the Marxist President Salvadore Allende.

We own no stock in ITT, have no responsibility for its policies and could not care less about Jack Anderson's opinion of the corporation. But we think the world—and especially the Western Hemisphere — would be better off with someone else running Chile than Allende. If the CIA and ITT really did try to beat Allende, we're sorry they fell short.

Allende is anti-American, pro-Communist and, as such, is a constant threat to peace in the Western Hemisphere. He's an expropriator of property bought and paid for — and operated to the benefit of many Chilean employes — because it is foreign owned. In short, Allende is the antithesis of the sort of head of state the U.S. can trust and work with.

Anderson can have Allende.